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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) & (b) The Leprosy Subsidiary Centre, Paramankurichi, Tiruchendur taluk, Tirunelveli district is housed in a private building taken on lease on a monthly rental of Rs. 15. The building donated by the villagers is in a damaged condition, built with mud-walls and some of the tiles have fallen down. At present it is being used for running an out-patient clinic attached to the above centre.

(c) The proposal is under consideration in connexion with the Budget Estimate for 1960-61.

(d) & (e) Yes.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : What are the other improvements thought of to be carried out in the Centre? Will the Government think of the possibility of introducing poultry-keeping as a rehabilitation measure in such centres?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இப்போது கவனிப்பது என்னென்றால் சிகிச்சைக்கு என்னென்ன செய்வது என்பது. நீலாபிலி டேஷன் என்பது தனி சமாச்சாரம். அது இப்போது எழவில்லை. அதை போகப்போகப் பரர்க்கலாம்.

Madras Children Act

* 261 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in some criminal appeals the Judges have suggested that changes in the provisions of the Madras Children Act are necessary; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring amendments to the said Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Drainage work in Kumbakonam taluk

* 262 Q.—**SRI T. SAMPATH :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the drainage work under progress in Kumbakonam taluk has been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) It is presumed that the Member is referring to the drainage scheme for Kumbakonam town. This scheme has not been stopped.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI T. SAMPATH : The Hon. Minister has stated that the scheme has not been stopped. May I know the reasons for the slow progress?